

# **Exhibit 1**



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**By Certified Mail**

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 Department of State, SA-2  
 Washington, DC 20522-8100

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear FOIA Officer:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §§ 552, et seq., for complete, entire copies of the following telegrams, or "cables," sent and/or received by officials representing the U.S. Department of State and/or its organizational components:

Date	Cable No.	Subject (as reflected in cable)
11/26/06	BAGHDAD 00004351	Ambassador's Meeting with Minister of Oil Shahrstani
12/12/06	BAGHDAD 004527	Iraqi Moderate Front Organizers Concerned About Media Attention, Lack of Progress
6/12/06	BAGHDAD 001978	New Minister of Health: Let's Cooperate to Improve Healthcare and the Ministry
7/10/09	BAGHDAD 001870	Anti-Corruption Developments in Iraq
2/11/10	BAGHDAD 000366	Ministry of Interior Bomb Detector Stirs Controversy and Charges of Corruption
4/24/09	BAGHDAD 001100	Karbala Shrines Pursuing Independent Agenda
6/20/07	BAGHDAD 002040	Legal Ambiguity in Baghdad Governance Structures and Political Violence
12/29/08	BAGHDAD 004058	Summing Up Iraq's Year of Anti-Corruption

Date	Cable No.	Subject (as reflected in cable)
3/31/08	BAGHDAD 000990	PM Chief of Staff Abdallah Tells Ambassador GOI Will Continue Basra Military Operations
3/25/06	BAGHDAD 000981	MCNS Discusses Militia Death Squads, Recent Military Operations
7/20/06	BAGHDAD 002591	Iraqi Reaction to Israel-Lebanon Situation
4/30/09	ABUJA 000746	Nigeria: Counterfeit Meds Enforcement Training in Lagos
7/10/03	AMMAN 004194	PHRMA Group Forms to Support Iraq
12/24/06	BAGHDAD 004690	Arab League Boycott and Iraq
5/23/07	BAGHDAD 001712	Status of Women in Sadr City
9/20/07	BAGHDAD 003160	Provincial Assessment of JAM Ceasefire

**In addition to the above-listed records**, please provide complete copies of the following “cables,” diplomatic communications, and/or records:

1. The report, created between December 22, 2006 and October 10, 2010, regarding and/or entitled “Alleged Jaysh Al-Mahdi Plans to Kidnap U.S. Soldiers in Baghdad, Iraq,” referenced in the NEW YORK TIMES article, *The War Logs: Secret Dispatches from the War in Iraq*, by James Glanz et al. See [www.nytimes.com/interactive/world/iraq-war-logs.html#report/ABD1B1E9-D673-93B1-757861100C0728BC](http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/world/iraq-war-logs.html#report/ABD1B1E9-D673-93B1-757861100C0728BC).
2. The July 19, 2005 diplomatic communication/protest, entitled “Message from the United States to the Government of Iran,” referenced in the March 27, 2007 NEW YORK TIMES article, *U.S. Long Worried That Iran Supplied Weapons in Iraq*, by Michael R. Gordon and Scott Shane. See [www.nytimes.com/2007/03/27/world/middleeast/27weapons.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2007/03/27/world/middleeast/27weapons.html).



Please search for responsive records regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics. Where possible, **please produce records electronically, in PDF format.**

For any responsive records you believe are covered by a FOIA exemption, please provide an index of those documents as required under *Vaughn v. Rosen*, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973), *cert. denied*, 415 U.S. 977 (1972). If you believe that some portions of the requested records are exempt from disclosure, please disclose any reasonably segregable non-exempt portions of the requested records. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(b). If you believe that a document contains non-exempt segments, but that those non-exempt segments are so dispersed throughout the document as to make segregation impossible, please state what portion of the document is non-exempt, and how the material is dispersed throughout the document. *Mead Data Central*, 566 F.2d at 261.

I am willing to pay fees for this request up to a maximum of \$200. If the fees for this request exceed that amount, please inform me first.

Thank you for addressing my request. You can reach me by email at the address below, or by phone at (202) 629-3530. You can mail responsive materials to the address above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sarah L. Allen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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